

Marquis wheat"? I understood you also had a conference with the other pools.
—A. Yes.

Q. They are unanimous in this demand?—A. With the exception of the Alberta Board, which has not accepted it as yet.

Q. And do you think by inserting it it would do away with the spread of fifteen cents between No. 2 and No. 3?—A. That was our solution of the difficulty—more or less in the nature of a compromise between the arbitrary cutting off of mixing and the present condition where mixing is unbridled.

Q. It would cut the spread down to 5 or 6?—A. No. 3 Northern should market about 8 cents under No. 1 Northern.

By Mr. Millar:

Q. Is that big spread due to the fact that the wheat was dry and spoiled?
—A. Why should spoiled wheat go into any grade?

Q. But is that the reason?—A. That is part of it.

By Mr. Donnelly:

Q. Have you that portion of the Grain Act referring to No. 3 at the present time?—A. Yes.

Q. Would you mind reading it, and how it would read with the amendment?
—A. The present Act reads:

"No. 3 Manitoba Northern wheat shall consist of Red Spring wheat of the varieties which are excluded by the preceding grades on account of damage; shall be reasonably sound and reasonably clean; of fair milling quality; weighing not less than 57 pounds to the bushel and may contain Amber or Red Durum, singly or in combination, up to 3 per cent."

By Mr. Vallance:

Q. What do you suggest?—A. "No. 3 Manitoba Northern Wheat shall consist of Red Spring wheat, equal to Marquis; shall be reasonably sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than 57 pounds to the bushel, and shall contain 25 per cent of Hard Red Vitrous kernels". That is carrying out the principle of 1 and 2 Northern, "No 1 Northern shall contain 75 per cent of hard red vitrous kernels", "No 2 Northern shall contain 45 per cent of hard red vitrous kernels". This would put 25 per cent in No. 3 Northern. "—or may be composed of soft varieties of Red Spring wheat of fair milling quality; shall be reasonably sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel, and containing not less than 35 per cent of red kernels, and may contain amber or red Durum singly or in combination up to 2 per cent".

Q. You said "soft spring wheat". How much of that is allowed?—A. "It may be composed of soft varieties of Red Spring wheat of fair milling quality; shall be reasonably sound and reasonably clean, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel, and containing not less than 35 per cent of red kernels".

By the Acting Chairman:

Q. Do you make a definition that would allow the mixture of your wheat equal to Marquis with the softer varieties?—A. Any variety that is as good as Marquis for milling would go into this wheat.

Q. You have a second alternative definition which makes provision for softer varieties weighing a pound more. There might be a mixture of these two?
—A. Yes.

By Mr. Donnelly:

Q. What soft spring wheats have you in mind?—A. There are a number of them.